The Cook County Board of Health met via telephone conference on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

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| **Members Present** | **Members Absent** | **Others Present** |
| Dr. Tom Fausett, Chairman | Terry McClain | Dr. William Grow |
| Shelva Keeley, Vice-Chairman | William Greene | Dwain Butler |
| Dr. Timothy Dixon |  | Teresa Giles |
| Mayor Buddy Duke |  | Patrina Bowles |
|  |  | Rebecca Allgood |
|  |  | Lee Cumbee |
|  |  | Beth Magsanay |

**Call to Order**

* Dr. Tom Fausett called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

**Public Comments**

* There were no public comments.

**Approval of January 21, 2020 Minutes**

* Mayor Buddy Duke made a motion to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Ms. Keeley. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Business**

**Financial Information – Teresa Giles (Attachments)**

* The Revenue and Expense Summary for July 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020 was reviewed.
* Cook’s budget is approximately 75% completed for the fiscal year. The fund balance is in good shape.
* Expenses are on track and there are no concerning issues at this time.
* Fee income has decreased due to COVID-19. Cook is seeing patients for essential services only. General clinic fees are down but Family Planning fees have increased. Fees are expected to be down for the remainder of the fiscal year. The state has offered funds to function on for COVID-19 expenses. A projected budget has been submitted which includes income from March – June of last year if a claim must be made.

**Public Health Updates – William R. Grow, MD, FACP (Attachment)**

* Dr. Grow provided a COVID-19 update for the Board.
* There are approximately 2.5 million people in the world who tested positive for the virus. Georgia currently has approximately 19,400 positive cases. There are 328 positive cases in the district with 18 deaths. Cook has 13 positive cases.
* The Governor is planning to open some businesses such as gyms, bowling alleys, body art studios and nail/hair salons beginning Friday, April 24, 2020. Some restaurants will begin to open Monday, April 27, 2020.
* The district currently has four Specimen Point of Collection (SPOC) sites located in Lowndes, Tift, Cook and Turner Counties. Ben Hill County will open their site Monday, April 27, 2020. Those who want testing will be able to call the health department or their physician and be assigned a number. They will receive a call back to schedule their test.
* Testing numbers are reflective of where the person lives, not the county where they received their test.

**Nurse Manager’s Report – Rebecca Allgood (Attachment)**

* Staff attended a two-day training in February. Topics reviewed included medical, countermeasures: point of dispensing, planning and response. The training will assist in preparing for a pandemic.
* Cook staff assisted at the Tifton SPOC and now have an on-site SPOC open at the health department.
* The health department participated in the District’s Mind and Body Wellness Health Fair in Tifton. Participants received free screenings (HbgA1C, cholesterol, blood pressure, and glucose). They were also given a scale, pedometer and a hand sanitizer.
* The annual scoliosis screenings were completed at the middle school before the schools were shut down due to COVID-19.

**Environmental Update – Lee Cumbee – (Attachments)**

* Mr. Cumbee reviewed the January 18, 2020 – April 20, 2020 report.
* During the pandemic, environmental health’s role has been to keep restaurants updated on any new guidelines that are received.
* Mr. Cumbee reviewed all inspections completed since the last meeting.

**Announcements**

* Dr. Fausett reminded the Board of the upcoming meeting dates and encouraged everyone to wear masks and stay safe.

**Adjournment**

* There being no further business, Dr. Fausett adjourned the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Debra Robinson, Board Secretary

Beth Magsanay, Typist